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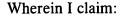
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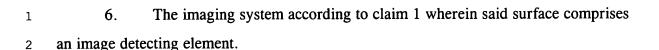
1. An imaging system comprising a surface for receiving an image, and a light modulator comprising a plurality of light valves in a two-dimensional array having orthogonal rows and columns in a first Cartesian coordinate system having a first and a second orthogonal axes, said columns arrayed along said first axis in the coordinate system; said rows arrayed along the second axis and a number of said rows forming a segment; and wherein said surface is transported relative to the modulator in a direction along a transport axis; wherein the first axis and the transport axis form an angle other than 90° , said angle α inversely proportional to the number of rows in the segment;

wherein the number of rows in the segment is n; n is an integer greater than 1; and the modulator comprises at least 2 segments; further wherein each light valve has an X dimension along the first axis and a Y dimension along the second axis, and X = Y and the angle $\alpha = \tan^{-1}(1/n)$.

- The imaging system according to claim 1 wherein said angle is between about 2° and 45°.
- The imaging system according to claim 1 further comprising a radiant energy source and at least one lens for directing said radiant energy onto said modulator.
- 1 4. The imaging system according to claim 1 further comprising at least one 2 lens for directing said radiant energy onto said surface.
- 1 5. The imaging system according to claim 1 wherein said surface comprises 2 a printing plate.

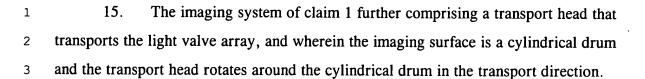
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- 7. The imaging system according to claim 6 wherein said image detecting element is a photosensitive layer.
- 1 8. The imaging system according to claim 1 wherein said image detecting element is a plurality of photosensitive elements.
- 1 9. The imaging system according to claim 1 wherein said imaging surface is 2 an image display surface.
 - 10. The imaging system according to claim 1 further comprising a modulator controller connected to said modulator for turning on and off any selected number of light valves in said light valve array.
- 1 11. The imaging system according to claim 10 further comprising a transporter for transporting said surface in a plane defined by said first coordinate system in the transport direction.
- 1 12. The imaging system according to claim 11 further including means for 2 synchronizing said surface transporter and said modulator controller to repeatedly 3 expose a same selected area on said surface using light valves in different light valve 4 rows thereby to effect cumulative exposure of a desired surface area.
- 1 13. The imaging system of claim 1 wherein the surface for receiving an 2 image is wrapped around a cylindrical drum which rotates in the transport direction.
- 1 14. The imaging system of claim 1 wherein the surface for receiving an 2 image is positioned on a flatbed.

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- 16. The imaging system according to claim 1 further comprising:
- 2 (a) a source of radiation and an optical projection system for directing at least a 3 portion of said radiation onto said modulator and therefrom onto said surface; and
- 4 (b) a scanning means for scanning said radiation on said surface.
- 1 17. The imaging system of claim 1 wherein the light modulator is selected 2 from the group consisting of an optical switch, a MEMS device, an electro-holographic 3 device, an acousto-optic device, a liquid crystal display device, a Bragg grating device, 4 a bubblejet device, a thermo-optic interferrametric device and a thermo capillary 5 device.
- 1 18. The imaging system of claim 1 wherein the surface for receiving an image is selected from the group consisting of a photosensitive surface, a display screen, a circuit board, and a radiation detection device.
- 1 19. A method of imaging using the imaging system of claim 1 wherein the light valves provide radiation below the exposure threshold of the image receiving surface.
 - 20. An method of imaging comprising:
- 2 (A) positioning a surface for receiving an image at a focal point of a light modulator;

4	said light modulator comprising a plurality of light valves in a two-dimensional
5	array having orthogonal rows and columns in a first Cartesian coordinate system having
6	a first and a second orthogonal axes, said columns arrayed along said first axis in the
7	coordinate system; said rows arrayed along the second axis;

- (B) forming a segment comprising a number of said rows;
- 9 (C) activating said light valves;
- (D) transporting said surface relative to the modulator in a direction along a transport axis, wherein the first axis and the transport axis form an angle α other than 90°, said angle α inversely proportional to the number of rows in the segment;
- wherein the number of rows in the segment is n; n is an integer greater than 1; and the modulator comprises at least 2 segments;
- further wherein each light valve has an X dimension along the first axis and a Y dimension along the second axis, and X = Y and the angle $\alpha = \tan^{-1}(1/n)$.